

Foreword

This *U.S. Climate Action Report 2014* (CAR) contains two documents that respond to reporting requirements under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC): (1) the sixth National Communication, which is provided in accordance with Articles 4 and 12 of the UNFCCC and accompanying decisions,¹ and (2) the first U.S. Biennial Report. The Biennial Report summarizes major actions the United States has taken to meet its commitments in Copenhagen, Cancún, and Durban, covering the period up to 2020, and contains additional reporting information as specified in decisions 1/CP.16, 2/CP.17 (Annex I), and 19/CP.18.

These two reports are separate, but complementary, communications to the UNFCCC. Some of the information in the 2014 CAR and Biennial Report is duplicative, in order for the United States to meet its reporting requirements and ensure that each document is complete. These reports account for current and proposed activities as of October 2013, unless otherwise indicated.

¹ The following decisions provide rules and guidance to assist Parties in preparing their National Communications, among other things: 3/CP.1, 2/CP.1, 9/CP.2, 6/CP.3, 11/CP.4, 6/CP.5, 5/CP.5, 4/CP.5, 3/CP.5, 34/CP.7, 33/CP.7, 4/CP.8, 1/CP.9, 10/CP.13, 9/CP.16, 20/CP.18